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LOK SABHA

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RECOGNITION TO TRADITIONAL GAMES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Indian traditional games have not been included in Asian and Olympic Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken to get some of them included in the Asian Games events; and

(d) the funds allocated for the promotion of traditional games during the last three years with extent of the success achieved in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Except Kabaddi, which got recognition in Asian Games, no other Indian traditional games have been included in the Asian and Olympic Games.

(c) For including disciplines in Asian Games, Government of India has no role to play.It is the concern of the concerned National Sports Federation and the Indian Olympic Association.The latter has informed that at present Asian and Olympic Games are over crowded and that the International Olympic Committee is debating on the question of reducing the number of sports events in these Games.

(d) No specific funds are allocated for the promotion of traditional games. However, during the last three years, an amount of Rs.89.68 lakhs has been sanctioned in favour of recognized Federations of Kabaddi, Atya Patya, Kho-Kho and Tug of War for holding national and international championships and for participation in international events. In Kabaddi, India has won a Gold medal in the recently concluded Asian Games held at Busan.